

REMARKS

The applicants have carefully considered the official action dated May 1, 2007, and the references it cites. By way of this response, claim 1 has been amended, and claim 5 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, and 7 remain pending in this application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, and 5-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Namisniak et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,711,160). The applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

It is well settled that “[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987). As amended, independent claim 1 recites an informational area having a first section associated with a first food storage device and a second section associated with a second food storage device. Further, claim 1 recites that the first section is separate from the second section. In contrast, the apparatus described by Namisniak et al. includes a single display to convey information regarding multiple storage devices via a toggling operation. In other words, Namisniak et al. do not describe or suggest two *separate* informational areas, each being devoted to a storage device. Thus, Namisniak et al.

cannot anticipate claim 1 or any claims dependent thereon. Furthermore, none of the cited art describes or suggests an apparatus having two separate informational areas associated with two food storage devices.

Accordingly, the applicant submits that the rejection of independent claim 1 must be withdrawn and this claim and all claims dependent thereon are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues in this application, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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